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CONTROLLED RELEASE AND TASTE MASKING
ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claims 1-15 as originally filed, which appear on pages 19-21, with Claims 1-14 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of June 4, 2001. The pages containing Claims 1-14 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-14, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5, 7, 9-11 and 13-14 as follows:

--3. (Amended) Composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the amphiphilic compounds are polar lipids of type I or II (lecithin, phosphatidylcholine, phosphatidylethanolamine), ceramides, glycol alkyl ethers, esters of fatty acids with polyethylene glycols or diethylene glycols.

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